

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF GAS TO PIPAVAV POWER PROJECT

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any representation has been made by the Government of Gujarat for the additional allocation of gas to Pipavav Power Project;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have since given their approval;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government have agreed for additional allocation of 0.5 MSCMD gas for Gujarat Power Projects in the year 2001;
- (e) if so, whether the demand has been fully met; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) Gas Linkage Committee in its meeting held on 26.5.2000 approved an `in principle allocation` of 2.25 MMSCMD of natural gas effective from 2003 for the proposed 650 MW gas based power project to be set up at Pipavav, Gujarat. The allocation was subject to investment decision to be taken by the Management Committee of the Tapti field for the additional development of the field. The Management Committee has not taken any decision.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. To overcome the power shortage additional quantity of gas to an extent of 0.5 MMSCMD was given to Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited (GIPCL). Due to shortage of gas it has not been possible to meet the full demand of natural gas.